

## Knote Sings His Farewell in The Title Part of "Tannhauser"

Gadski as Elisabeth, Fremstad as Venus and Goritz as Wolfram Score at the Metropolitan in Wagner's Opera.

By Sylvester Rawling.

KNOTE, who is returning to Munich to fill an engagement, sang his farewell in the title part of "Tannhauser" at the Metropolitan Opera-house last night. He got several curtain calls and many floral offerings to reassure him that he is not without admirers in this metropolis. The audience was large.

It was the first presentation of the opera this season and the cast was a formidable one, but the performance was not the best that has been given in New York. Knote himself, whose impersonation of the fickle hero is praiseworthy on the dramatic side, has a singing method that does not produce the best results. Alas! that there is no new Jean De Reszke in sight to give proper significance to Wagner's tenor heroes. The chorus of the Pilgrims lacked sonority and the last curtain fell upon a scene that was singularly effective.

On the other hand, Gadski's Elisabeth was a delight. In the part of the Minstrel she was both gracious and tender. Her singing was full of color and intensely expressive. There was an unaffected note of tragic import in her singing of the man she loved from the sword of the nobles, increased by his unbridled tribute to Venus. Her prayer, sung with the utmost simplicity, was full of pathos.

Fremstad, as Venus, made a lovely picture and was most alluring in her poses. She sang the difficult music of the part with ease and compelling charm. Goritz, as Wolfram, had a dignity in his bearing that seemed him clear of the sentimentality so easy to fall into while portraying this character, and his song to "The Evening Star" was admirably expressed. Bella Alten, too, in the small part of the Shepherd, was altogether satisfactory.

The gathering of the nobles to hear the contest of song and the grouting of them, together with their intelligent action, made an effective picture. In this scene Bias, as the Landgrave, and Reiss, Bayer, Muhlmann and Gunther as the other minstrels, did their parts well. The overture and the march were played with distinction, and the whole performance was conducted by Alfred Hart in a most creditable manner.

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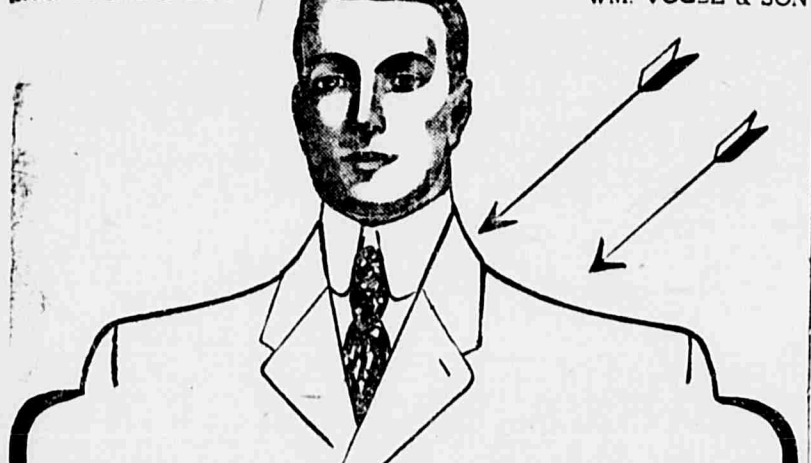
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